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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Schanzlin, et al.

Application Serial No.: 08/993,696

Filed: December 18, 1997

For: **RADIAL INTRASTROMAL
CORNEAL INSERT AND A
METHOD OF INSERTION**

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: Willse, D.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action issued on November 22, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Communication was due February 22, 2003, although extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are available. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three month extension of time and authorization to pay the fee due thereby extending the deadline to reply to May 22, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.